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SUBJ: NY TIMES INTERVIEW WITH AMOUZEGAR

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM USIS WIRELESS FILE THAT ERIC PACE'S
REPORT OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH MININT AND GOI OPEC REP AMOUZEGAR
APPEARED IN NYT ON MAY 3. IN GENERAL WE FOUND PACE'S REPORT
USEFUL AND WORKMANLIKE PIECE, BUT GATHER IT MAY HAVE BEEN HEAD-
LINED AND EXCERPTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SUGGEST AMOUZEGAR
HAS FEARS ABOUT FUTURE OPEC SOLIDARITY IF "RELATIVE VALUE PROB-
LEM"(PRICE DIFFERENTIALS) NOT WORKED OUT AT OPEC MINISTERIAL
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CONFERENCE IN BALI.

2. PACE'S COMPLETE ARTICLE, WE UNDERSTAND, MAKES CLEAR THAT AMOUZEGAR EXPRESSED NO SUCH FEAR. WHILE AMOUZEGAR PREDICTED UNSPECIFIED "SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES" IF DIFFERENTIAL PROBLEM NOT SOLVED, HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT MEAN OPEC FACED ANY DANGER OF POSSIBLE DISSOLUTION OR ANY LOSS OF ABILITY TO CONTROL OIL MARKET. EMBASSY PERCEPTION IS THAT AMOUZEGAR AND NIOC OFFICIALS REMAIN PERFECTLY CONFIDENT THAT OPEC CAN CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE MARKET FOR SOME YEARS TO COME AND THAT OPEC IN ANY CASE IS GETTING FAIRLY CLOSE TO A SOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENTIALS PROBLEM.
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